



# YOUNG SOUTHEAST ASIAN LEADERS INITIATIVE

## Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES)

Marrakesh, Morocco, Nov 19-21

### **GES Youth Convening at Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES) in Marrakesh, Morocco**

The U.S. Embassy Hanoi and the U.S. Consulate General Ho Chi Minh City are looking for one candidate to nominate for the Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES) in Marrakesh, Morocco from November 19 to 21, 2014 as part of the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI). Full scholarship will be awarded for the selected participant.

### **Overview and Background on GES Youth:**

Building upon the successful Startup Global Youth Summit at the Malaysia GES and previous youth-related GES events in the United Arab Emirates and Turkey, the U.S. Department of State's Office of the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs is supporting the convening of international youth entrepreneurs around the 2014 GES in Marrakesh, Morocco. *GES Youth* will focus on young entrepreneurs that have recently started new firms around the world allowing them to showcase their respective success stories and challenges while connecting, sharing, and learning from their peers. *GES Youth* will help young entrepreneurs better understand how to improve and leverage their local ecosystems while creating lasting cross border relationships to advance further collaboration and success in the future.

### **GES Youth 2014 Details:**

The *GES Youth* convening will take place on November 19<sup>th</sup> (likely at Cadi Ayyad – Marrakesh University). Preliminary discussions are being had for this convening to be administered and overseen by partners from the Kauffman Foundation/Global Entrepreneurship Week; Start Up Malaysia who oversaw last year's "Global Startup Youth Summit;" CEED Morocco; and Cadi Ayyad University in Marrakesh.

*GES Youth* is a one day gathering of young entrepreneurs who have recently started new firms around the world and will feature master class skills training sessions focused on leveraging local ecosystems and scaling up ventures, opportunities for delegates to showcase success stories and challenges, and chances to network amongst one another and more established entrepreneurs.

The *GES Youth* delegates will participate in the one day gathering on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> and then also participate in the larger GES On November 20-21. The U.S. State Department will fund the travel and participation of 7 delegates from sub-Saharan Africa drawn in part from the Young African Leaders Initiative Network; 7 from Southeast Asia drawn in part from Young Southeast



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Asian Leaders Initiative; 7 from the Middle East and North Africa, 3 from South and Central Asia, 3 from the Western Hemisphere, and 3 from Europe.

## **Delegate Eligibility:**

Prospective GES *Youth* entrepreneur delegate should be

- Between the ages of 18-35
- Must be a YSEALI member.

*To become a YSEALI member, please register at:*

<https://youngsoutheastasianleaders.state.gov/join/>

- Have recently started an entrepreneurial venture. The entrepreneurial venture that you are involved in should be implemented but still scalable, impactful on their communities and countries, and inspiring to others. Socially motivated entrepreneurs with a passion to do good and do well will also be considered.

## **How to apply:**

Applicants in northern Vietnam (from Quang Tri Province to the north) submit applications by using this link: <http://bit.ly/1t6hRFf>

Applicants in southern Vietnam (from Thua Thien-Hue Province to the south) submit applications by using this link <http://bit.ly/1vRjl7a>

**Only qualified applicants will be contacted.**

**Deadline for application: 11:59 p.m. – Sunday, October 26, 2014**

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